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4 Paul Pepper Pepper, Krupieka, Wilson, Gaines

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## COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**Subject:** Community Services Board

Dear Mayor Euille and members of City Council,

The City Council will be

voting Tuesday on a replacement for a citizen member of the Community

Services Board who has resigned. As you know we hope to keep our 16 member

board as diverse as possible, representing all members of the community

especially the members who receive our services.

We had been concerned

that we have no one member of the board currently who is an advocate for or

has had experience with people with substance abuse disorders. Such

disorders are extremely destructive to the individual, his or her family

and the community, not to mention public safety, so we were pleased to see

that two of the three citizens who applied for the slot expressed an

interest in and knowledge of substance abuse

Of the two we preferred Paul

Edward Pepper, deputy public defender. Mr. Pepper has had as clients

people with both substance abuse problems as well as mental illnesses and

**Comments:**

as a member of the Public Defender's office is familiar with the Jericho project, an alternate sentencing program to find more appropriate ways of dealing with people with serious mental illnesses and or substance abuse problems who have broken the law.  
As most of you know the Jericho project

is part of an extensive web of services many city agencies working together are attempting to create, services that will at once protect public safety, help those who are mentally ill and have substance abuse problems, and prevent all the costs social and financial, recidivism creates.  
Mr. Pepper

would help the board in its ongoing quest to create the best programs to help those with the greatest needs.  
As for the remaining applicants. There

will be more slots opening up as terms end this month and we urge those interested to apply.

If you have any questions you can reach me on my home

phone 703-519-3682 or on my cell phone 703-629-3747

Thank you for

hearing me out.

Mary Anne Weber  
chair, Community Services Board